(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED):(a) and (b) At the 5th India-EU Summit at the Hague on 3rd November, 2004 both India and the EU have reiterated their resolve to strengthen international cooperation to combat terrorism in a comprehensive and sustained manner through various measures, including in the UN. India expressed hope that an India-EU Extradition Treaty and a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty could be concluded and agency-level cooperation with Europol be established so as to expand bilateral cooperation in areas such as cyber terrorism, narco-terrorism and money-laundering. We also requested that the EU list of prescribed organizations be expanded to also include terrorist groups of concern to us. The EU side is examining ways and means to expand bilateral cooperation.

(c) No talks are held with individual EU countries during an India-EU Summit.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Grants for SSIs in Rajasthan and Punjab

*38. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sought special grants from the Ministry of Commerce to benefit the Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any schemes are currently running under the Central Government to promote the Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) For the promotion of small scale industries (SSI) in the country, including the States of Rajasthan and Punjab, the Government

is implementing various schemes/programmes, *viz.* Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme, Entrepreneurial and Managerial Training Programmes and Technical Skill Development Programmes through the Small Industry Service Institutes (SISIs), Tool Rooms, etc. Besides, the Government has also announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.08.2000, which *inter alia* includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure, marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

In the State of Rajasthan, there is one SISI & one Field Testing Station at Jaipur and one Hand Tolls Design Development Training Centre at Nagaur. The SISI provides the entrepreneurship/managerial/skill development training, consultancy, project profiles, extension services and common facilities to the small scale entrepreneurs. The IID Scheme aims at creation of necessary physical infrastructure for setting up small/ tiny units. Under this scheme, ten centres in the districts of Jodhpur, Udaipur, Tonk, Karauli, Pali, Baran, Bharatpur, Rajsamand, Alwar and Nagaur have been sanctioned and Central grant of Rs. 5.22 crore has been released. A national Programme for the Development of Stone Industry has been released. A national Programme for the Development of Stone Industry has been launched in the country in November 2000 in collaboration with UNIDO, the State Government of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Karnataka and Stone Industry Association(s). The Centre for Development of Stone, Jaipur has been selected as the Nodal Agency for implementing this programme. A Neem Project at Jhalawar and a Vetiver Project at Dholpur are also under implementation in the State of Rajasthan. In all, four sub-contracting exchanges have been set up by the Industries association in Rajasthan and the Government has sanctioned Rs. 8.57 lakhs for setting up these sub-contracting exchanges. Nine Vendor Development Programmes have been conducted by the SISI, Jaipur. The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) also operates various schemes like Assistance for Hire Purchase of Machines, Sanctioning Composite Term Loans, Raw Material Assistance, Integrated Marketing Support Programme, Government Stores Purchase Programme, etc. Thus, the Central Government is supporting and supplementing the efforts of the State Government for the development of small and tiny sector industries in Rajasthan.